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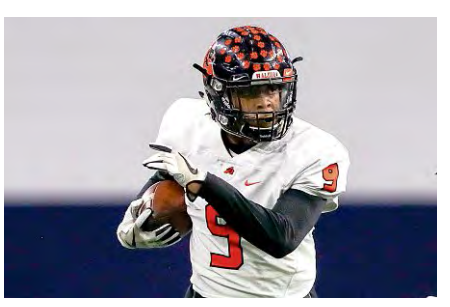

Mother accused of 'medical child abuse'

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DALLAS

Even before the birth of their son, Ryan Crawford suspected that something was wrong with the boy's mother.

A pregnant Kaylene Bowen would call Crawford in the middle of the night from random hospitals, reporting that she had been admitted for various reasons. Once, she claimed she'd had a fever of 110 degrees for seven consecutive days, Crawford said.

Crawford began to wonder if this woman he'd dated briefly and unexpectedly impregnated, was just trying to gain attention.

But it was nothing compared to the tales that Crawford says Bowen would tell after the premature birth of their son, Christopher, who was born after 33 weeks in April 2009.

"She was always saying Christopher was sick. Every single week. Every single month," Crawford said. "She would always say, 'Something's wrong. He has this. He has that.' "

Between 2009 and 2016, medical records show Christopher was seen 323 times at hospitals and pediatric centers in Dallas and Houston and underwent 13 major surgeries, according to a Child Protective Services petition.

Throughout his young life, Christopher has been placed full time on oxygen and, at times, used a wheelchair. He's endured invasive procedures and surgeries, including being fitted with a feeding tube that

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Kaylene Bowen, left, and son, Christopher.

Athletic director Del Conte leaves TCU for Texas

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TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte will assume the same position at the University of Texas, sources tell the Star-Telegram.

The story was first reported by Kirk Bohls of the Austin American-Statesman.

In a statement released on Twitter, Del Conte announced his new title at Texas while expressing his gratitude toward TCU.

"It is with heavy heart that I announce the time has come for me to take on a new challenge," he said in the post. "I have accepted the position as Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Texas."

Del Conte continued: "It has been an honor and pleasure to work for Texas Christian University for the last nine years, and I am indebted to every

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TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte will reportedly take the same position at the University of Texas.

POLITICS

3 years later, Davis still 'not afraid of a hard fight'

Former Fort Worth resident discusses movie, sexual harassment, future

KELLY WEST Special to the Star-Telegram

State Democratic Party leaders say they tried to encourage Wendy Davis to run for a statewide office in 2018, but she declined.

BY DAVE MONTGOMERY
Special to the Star-Telegram

AUSTIN

It's been more than two years since Wendy Davis lived in Fort Worth, but her office on Austin's east side offers prominent reminders of the city where she rose from a struggling single mother to a defiant state senator who gained national stardom with a 13-hour Senate filibuster.

Her diploma from TCU adorns one wall, not far from her Harvard law degree. A photograph behind her desk shows Davis in the Horned Frog purple football helmet she sported on the Senate floor in 2009 as part of the lightheartened hazing ritual bestowed on freshman senators during the passage of their first bill.

Davis spent 42 years in Fort Worth — from pre-adolescence into her early 50s — before moving to Austin in 2015 after a disastrous 20-point defeat as the Democratic nominee in the 2014 governor's race. Now, as that low point fades further into the past, she looks buoyantly to the days ahead, including a forthcoming biopic starring Sandra Bullock as Davis and — quite possibly — a re-entry into statewide politics.

State Democratic Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa told the Star-Telegram recently that state party leaders tried to encourage Davis to run for a statewide office in 2018 — he declined to say which one — but Davis said she didn't feel the time was right. However, the former two-term senator said she is not

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